

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a novel means for supporting multiple fragile articles which are often mounted upon a fixed substrate such as a pallet during shipment thereof. These longitudinal supporting members are generally rectangular in cross-section and can be of any length. Each support member includes an upper support surface and a longitudinally extending slot or recess which can form a mounting member, lip or recess therein to facilitate driving and retaining of securement members such as staples, therethrough, into the substrate located therebelow for securement to the substrate while defining a safety zone between the staples and the supported fragile articles for protection thereof. An upper panel of dissimilar material can be laminated over the upper supporting surface of the support member to control the coefficient of friction thereof.